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SUBJ: LOWELL DEPORTATION

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1. AS PER INSTRUCTIONS REFTEL, CHARGE CALLED AUGUST 23 ON DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (DFA) UNDER SECRETARY DU BUISSON. EMPHASIZING DETRIMENTAL EFFECT CASES SUCH AS LOWELL DEPORTATION CAN HAVE ON US-SOUTH AFRICAN RELATIONS, CHARGE TOLD DU BUISSON HE WISHED AGAIN DISCUSS LOWELL CASE IN SPIRIT OF OUR JOINT EFFORTS TO AVOID UNNECESSARY FRICTIONS IN OUR RELATIONS. HE THEN REVIEWED IN DETAIL ALL POINTS COVERED IN PARA 2 REFTEL, ENDING BY SAYING THAT WE FELT IT BEST TO MAKE OUR VIEWS KNOWN FRANKLY TO SAG IN THE HOPE THAT IS WILL HELP AVOID FRICTION OVER THIS ISSUE IN THE FUTURE. DU BUISSON LISTENED CAREFULLY THROUGHOUT AND TOOK EXTENSIVE NOTES.

2. IN RESPONSE, DU BUISSON REITERATED THAT DFA REALLY KNEW VERY LITTLE ABOUT DETAILS OF LOWELL CASE AND THAT IT HAD BEEN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HANDLED THROUGHOUT AS DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR MATTER. HE

ASSURED CHARGE, HOWEVER, THAT SAG HAD "VERY GOOD REASONS INDEED" FOR DEPORTING MISS LOWELL. DU BUISSON EMPHASIZED THAT TWO DISTINCT SAG ACTIONS HAD BEEN TAKEN RE LOWELL. FIRST, ON AUGUST 13, WAS NOTICE GIVEN TO HER OF CANCELLATION OF HER VISA AND TEMPORARY RESIDENCE PERMIT WHICH INCLUDED AN ORDER TO LEAVE SA ON OR BEFORE MIDNIGHT OF AUGUST 14. INFORMATION THEN CAME TO SAG DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR THAT NOT ONLY WAS MISS LOWELL FLYING TO WINDHOEK BUT THAT SHE "INTENDED TO REMAIN THERE FOR SOME TIME" IN VIOLATION OF THIS ORDER. (DEPARTMENT WILL NOTE THAT THIS INFORMATION, SOURCE OF WHICH IS UNKNOWN, CONFLICTS SHARPLY WITH MISS LOWELL'S STATEMENT REPORTED PRETORIA 2863 THAT SHE INTENDED TO RETURN TO JOHANNESBURG SAME DAY AND CATCH FLIGHT OUT OF COUNTY.) ONLY UPON RECEIPT OF THIS INFORMATION WAS SECOND ACTION TAKEN, I.E., DEPARTATION ORDER ISSUED AUGUST 14 WHICH, ACCORDING TO DU BUISSON, AUTOMATICALLY INVOLVED RESTRICTING HER MOVEMENTS AS PART OF SAG NORMAL PRACTICE (FYI: WE HAVE SUBSEQUENTLY RECEIVED THROUGH MAIL FROM ANONYMOUS SOURCE, PROBABLY DAVID DE BEER, A COPY OF EACH OF THE ABOVE TWO SAG ORDERS. THEY ARE BEING POUCHED AF/A. END FYI).

3. CHARGE RETURNED AGAIN TO POINT THAT IN OUR VIEW MEASURES THAT HAD BEEN TAKEN AGAINST MISS LOWELL WERE ARBITRARY AND UNREASONABLE AND SAID WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN SAG VIEWS AS TO WHAT JUSTIFICATION CAN BE OFFERED FOR THEM. DU BUISSON PLEADED INABILITY TO ANSWER QUESTION IMMEDIATELY BUT UNDERTOOK TO RAISE POINTS WITH DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR AND RELAY RESPONSE TO US. DU BUISSON ALSO SAID THAT SAG SHARED DESIRE TO AVOID UNNECESSARY FRICTIONS IN OUR RELATIONS AND CERTAINLY DID NOT WANT TO SEE SUCH CASES BECOME SERIOUS IRRITANTS.

4. COMMENT: DU BUISSON AND OTHER SENIOR DFA OFFICIALS ARE KNOWN TO BE EMBARRASSED AND PRIVATELY CRITICAL OF TRADITIONALLY HAM-HANDED METHODS OF POLICE AND MININTERIOR OFFICIALS. ALTHOUGH IT REMAINS DOUBTFUL WHETHER OUR EFFORTS IN THIS CASE WILL BE ANY MORE SUCCESSFUL IN GETTING THOSE METHODS CHANGED THAN IN PREVIOUS CASES, WE WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW UP.
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